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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC) EUROPEAN STUDY

-- TRIP

LISBON FOR AMBASSADOR

MADRID FOR CHARGE

1. A SUBSTANTIAL REVISION IN THE FORMAT FOR THE NWC EUROPEAN STUDY TRIP IS NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE POSSIBLE VISITS TO PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. WITHOUT APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME, WE DESIRE YOUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS WHETHER VISITS IN THE TIME FRAME APRIL 23-27 ARE FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE.

2. VISITS WOULD GENERALLY PURSUE THE SAME OBJECTIVES AND FOLLOW THE FORMAT OF PREVIOUS NWC VISITS WITH WHICH
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EMBASSIES ARE FAMILIAR. OUR PURPOSES ARE TO SUPPLEMENT

NWC COURSE INSTRUCTION, GAIN ON-GROUND UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL SITUATIONS, AND EXAMINE THE PROBABLE FUTURE COURSE OF U.S. INTERESTS IN THESE KEY COUNTRIES. GROUPS NORMALLY MEET WITH SENIOR CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS IN HOST

GOVERNMENT AND US MISSION CHIEF.

3. EUROPEAN TRIP DIRECTOR WILL BE A MILITARY OFFICER OF GENERAL OR FLAG RANK OR AN FSO OF EQUIVALENT RANK. TRIP GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 29 STUDENTS AND 9 OTHERS. STUDENTS ARE OF LTC, COL., GS-15, AND FSO 2/3 LEVELS. AS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED, ONE-HALF OF GROUP WOULD VISIT MADRID AND OTHER HALF WOULD VISIT LISBON. TRIP EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO WILL COORDINATE SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS IS COLONEL HARRY E.B. SULLIVAN, USA, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8403.

4. FOR LISBON AND MADRID. IF YOU BELIEVE TENTATIVE VISIT PLANNING CAN NOW PROCEED, PLEASE NOMINATE A PROJECT OFFICER AND PROVIDE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH INFO COPY TO COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. LETTERS CONTAINING PREFERRED SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS WILL FOLLOW TO CHIEF OF MISSION AND PROJECT OFFICER.

5. FOR MADRID. VISIT DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR STABLER WHO IN PRINCIPLE APPROVES VISIT BUT DESIRES YOUR COMMENTS AND ASSESSMENT BEFORE MAKING FINAL DETERMINATION.

6. REQUEST THAT COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. BE MADE INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL TRAFFIC.

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